

## **Amendments to the Claims**

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) A reinforced low pressure compression molded article comprising:

a main portion having opposing major surfaces defining a thickness of said main portion; and

a protrusion integrally molded with said main portion and protruding from one of said surfaces, said protrusion having a thickness of less than the thickness of said main portion and less than about 0.1", said protrusion having a height of at least twice the thickness of said protrusion,

said main portion and said protrusion being formed from a material comprising at least one thermoplastic, and reinforcing particles, the reinforcing particles comprise about 2% to about 15%, by volume, of a total volume of the material,

said reinforcing particles each comprising one or more layers, at least 50% of said reinforcing particles being less than about 20 layers thick, at least 99% of said reinforcing particles being less than about 30 layers thick, said layers comprising platelets having a thickness of between about 0.7 nm and 1.2 nm, and wherein at least some of the reinforcing particles are not completely exfoliated and are ~~up to~~ about 20 to 30 layers thick.

2. (Currently Amended) A reinforced low pressure compression molded article according to claim 1, further comprising a decorative material adhered to an opposite surface disposed on a side of said main portion opposite said one of said surfaces.

3. (Currently Amended) A reinforced low pressure compression molded article according to claim 2, wherein said decorative material is made from a material selected from a group consisting of vinyl, poly(vinyl chloride)/acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, thermoplastic olefin, polypropylene, and thermoplastic polyurethane.

4. (Currently Amended) A reinforced low pressure compression molded article according to claim 2, wherein said decorative material is made from fabric, or carpeting.

5. (Currently Amended) A reinforced low pressure compression molded article according to claim 4, wherein said decorative material further includes at least one of a bonded foam layer and a film layer disposed in contact with said opposite surface.

6. (Withdrawn) A method of producing a reinforced article comprising a main portion having opposing major surfaces defining a thickness of said main portion, a protrusion integrally molded with said main portion and protruding from one of said surfaces, said protrusion having a thickness of less than the thickness of said main portion and less than about 0.1", said protrusion having a height of at least twice the thickness of said protrusion, said method comprising: preparing a melt of at least one thermoplastic, and about 2% to about 15%, by volume, of reinforcing particles, said particles each comprising one or more layers, at least 50% of said reinforcing particles being less than about 20 layers thick, at least 99% of said reinforcing particles being less than about 30 layers thick, and said layers comprising platelets having a thickness of between about 0.7 nm and 1.2 nm; compressing said melt between die surfaces at a pressure of less than 3,000PSI, said die surfaces having recesses corresponding to the shape of said protrusions, receiving said melt, including said 2%-15% by volume reinforcing particles, in said recesses so that said melt conforms to the shape of said recesses; cooling said melt, wherein cooled portions of said melt received in said recesses form said reinforced protrusions.

7. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 6, further comprising: placing a decorative material between said die surfaces and contacting said melt with said decorative material so as to adhere said decorative material to said melt.

8. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein said decorative material contacts a surface of said die cavity opposite said surface having said recesses.

9. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein said decorative material is made from a material selected from a group consisting of vinyl, PVC/ABS, TPO, PP, and TPU.

10. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 7, wherein said decorative material includes a first layer made of fabric, cloth, or carpeting, and a second layer comprising at least one of a bonded foam layer and a film layer disposed in contact with said first layer, said second layer contacting said melt between said die surfaces to prevent said melt from permeating through said first layer.